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## Avian Influenza Update

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) held the second regional emergency meeting on avian influenza in Bangkok from February 26-28, 2004. Representatives from 23 Asia-Pacific countries, international experts and donor and development organizations attended. Experts addressed issues including veterinary services, surveillance and bio-security measures, carcass disposal, vaccination, the economic effects of bird flu and rehabilitation. Experts warned it took countries with abundant resources six months to bring previous outbreaks of the virus under control. In Asia, it could take longer than a year to stop the flu epidemic.

The conference recommended national campaigns to educate the public about avian influenza, to categorize standards of poultry farms, and to refrain from culling wild birds. According to the FAO, the avian influenza outbreak could cost Asia at least US\$500 million.

The number of affected countries has not increased since the beginning of February. Outbreaks have continued within some of the countries.

\*Japan had its third outbreak of avian influenza at a farm that raises over 200,000 chickens for eggs. Tests confirmed the H5N1 virus. The farm had shipped over 15,000 birds to market, even after 67,000 birds had died at the farm in the prior 10 days. Japan's first outbreak was January 11 and the second outbreak was February 17.

\*Thailand had planned to declare its crisis over at the end of February, however the disease flared again in 18 locations in late February. In a press release on February 20, WHO reported the reappearance of infection in poultry in provinces where extensive culling was previously carried out.

\*Up to February 27, China has 18 areas where at least 21 days have elapsed after the last poultry had been culled. China has lifted the restrictions on those areas. No new cases have been seen in China since Tuesday, February 17, 2004. Up to February 26, a total of 7,961,400 poultry had been culled and 10,211,800 poultry had been vaccinated.

\*Vietnam has not had any new avian influenza outbreaks reported in 53 of the 57 infected provinces and cities in over three weeks. The Ministry's Animal Health department estimated the country would be declared free of the disease by the end of March.

Countries affected by the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus are Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. On February 25, 2004, FAO estimated 100 million birds had been killed or destroyed in an effort to stop the transmission of H5N1 in Asia (Thailand 36 million, Vietnam 36 million, China 8 million, Pakistan 4 million, Indonesia 15 million).

Sources: United Nations FAO, WHO, U.S. Department of State, various news wires

## Belarussian Poultry Production on the Rise

According to Deputy General Director of Belpitseprom Lyubov Levenkova, Belarus produced five percent more poultry meat in 2003 than in 2002. Broiler meat, over 90 percent of total poultry production, spurred that growth with a little more than five percent overall growth. (Belpitseprom is the largest poultry association in the country. It accounts for 90 percent of total Belarussian poultry production and is comprised of sixty poultry enterprises and two compound-feed production plants.) This growth was attributed to efficient production methods, the introduction of highly productive breeds, and enterprise reconstruction. Industry investments are expected to reach five million euros in 2004.

### Egg Production Per Capita Production, pieces

Country	1991	1992	1995	2000	2001	2002
Belarus	362	340	327	329	315	295
Russia	315	289	228	234	244	253
Ukraine	292	259	182	185	195	234
Moldova	243	187	130	158	170	187
Kazakhstan	248	217	116	114	125	142

Source: Statistics Committee of the CIS

Source: USDA/FAS

### Cumulative U.S. Meat and Livestock Trade

	2001	2002	2003
<b>Broiler exports</b>	Ready to cook, 1,000 lb		
Japan	234,974	120,682	101,739
Mexico	380,727	324,148	363,225
Hong Kong	744,961	607,448	308,309
Singapore	49,165	37,475	27,914
Canada	177,057	191,517	200,418
Russia	2,303,921	1,520,532	1,458,098
Latvia	97,703	97,281	96,509
Other	1,566,777	1,908,100	2,375,765
Total	5,555,285	4,807,184	4,931,979
<b>Turkey exports</b>	Ready to cook, 1,000 lb		
Mexico	219,941	186,284	241,411
Canada	11,311	14,445	14,742
South Korea	16,852	12,990	9,706
Russia	80,719	29,026	25,168
Hong Kong	36,034	70,199	45,673
Other	122,142	125,635	146,119
Total	486,999	438,579	482,820
<b>Shell egg exports</b>	1,000 doz.		
Canada	32,279	30,496	26,374
Japan	3,026	2,256	105
Other	55,750	55,900	60,844
Total	91,055	88,652	87,324

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 21, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003 2002
LIQUID	98	102	830 1,566
FROZEN	0	0	0 0
DRIED	0	0	49 84
TOTAL	98	102	879 1,650

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 21, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003 2002
LIQUID	49	72	733 1,109
FROZEN	45	47	150 416
DRIED	40	120	515 160
TOTAL	134	239	1,398 1,685

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 21, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003 2002
JUMBO	0	0	50 0
EXTRA LARGE	0	0	780 150
LARGE	2,350	1,188	6,793 3,973
MEDIUM	750	1,495	3,030 4,174
UNGRADED	1,698	0	9,648 1,470
MISC	0	12	0 12
TOTAL	4,798	2,695	20,301 9,779

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Feb 27, 2004				
CHICKEN		PRICES VOLUME		
		(Cents per Pound)		
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-18.00	13.00-15.00	182,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	14.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	11.00-14.00	1,843,600	722,400
WTD AVERAGE	13.50	12.23		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 21-Feb-04 (PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,291	1,314	2,605
LAST WEEK	1,230	1,319	2,549
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,534	1,450	2,984
TO-DATE/2004	9,125	8,979	18,104
TO-DATE/2003	11,918	9,737	21,655

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	229	3	232
LAST WEEK	153	8	161
SAME WEEK YR AGO	347	3	350
TO-DATE/2004	1,821	29	1,850
TO-DATE/2003	2,693	46	2,739

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,520	1,317	2,837
LAST WEEK	1,383	1,327	2,710
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,881	1,453	3,334
TO-DATE/2004	10,946	9,008	19,954
TO-DATE/2003	14,611	9,783	24,394

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Feb 27, 2004				
CHICKEN		PRICES VOLUME		
		(Cents per Pound)		
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-16.00	15.00	1,114,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.37	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-20.50	12.50-14.00	1,292,000	572,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.14	12.89		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	16.25	12.00	180,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.25	12.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 FEBRUARY 2004.**

The undertone on fresh white meat was fully steady to firm, frozen steady to fully steady. Fresh white meat demand was fair to good with spot premiums noted on fresh tom breast meat for prompt shipments. Frozen white meat demand was light to fair. Supplies were held with confidence. The trade sentiment on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was firm for immediate shipments with premiums paid to satisfy needs, steady to instances fully steady for further out. Demand fair to good with offerings tight for prompt deliveries, light to adequate for deferred. Frozen MST offerings spotty. The market on tom drums was steady to barely steady and tom necks were steady to fully steady. Some processors were running reduced schedules in the East due to adverse weather conditions. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for March- April shipments, fair volumes of fresh MST and fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Export trading slow. For domestic (fresh, part loads): scapula 88, wing meat 92, breast trim 94.50-101 mostly 94.5-95 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	56.67	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	35.60	200	35.60	200
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	27.00		27.00	40	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00		87.00	52	87.00	52

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	56.67	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	35.60	200		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	80		

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	56.67	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	35.60	200		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	80		

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	56.67	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	35.60	200		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	80		

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	56.67	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00-36.00		35.60	200		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	80		

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.